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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on June 11, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A two-month extension of time is requested for the filing of this amendment and response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice.

2. (Twice Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a nerve growth factor (NGF) at a concentration ranging from 0.07 to 20 mg/ml and a pharmaceutically acceptable acetate-containing buffer, wherein the buffer contains an acetate ion concentration of between 5 and 30 mM, and wherein the pharmaceutical composition is of therapeutic purity, adapted for administration to humans.

13. (Thrice Amended) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the nerve growth factor has a concentration of at least 0.1 mg/ml.